

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry, and argueably inaccurate, documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line, and less of what we need for our democracy; and in this case, also clearly showing Sinclair's political bias and contempt for the public they should serve, both ethically and legally. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. Simple accuracy should be required, as well.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.